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SUBJECT: PRODUCER/CONSUMER CONFERENCE: CANDIDACY FOR MEMBERSHIP
IN GROUP OF 27

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1. WE HAVE NOTED THE NORWEGIAN ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT OF PARTICIPATION IN GROUP OF 27 IN THE IEA CONFERENCE AND THEIR STATEMENT THAT SWEDEN WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTABLE AS A "NORDIC" REPRESENTATIVE. THOUGH WE CAN ACCEPT ARGUMENT THAT NORWAY MERITS ROLE AS A NATO MEMBER, WE HAVE DIFFICULTY PERCEIVING JUSTIFICATION ON BASIS OF ARGUMENT THAT WE MIGHT EVENTUALLY INFLUENCE NORWEGIAN OIL POLICY AND THEIR DECISION TO JOIN OR NOT TO JOIN IEA AS FULL MEMBER.

2. WITHOUT PLEADING FOR SWEDISH PARTICIPATION, WE NOTE THAT GOS SPOKESMAN DURING MEETING WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL ON SEPTEMBER 10 MADE CLEAR SWEDISH DESIRE TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN THE PRODUCER/CONSUMER DIALOGUE. AS MENTIONED IN REFTTEL, SWEDISH REPRESENTATIVES HAVE BEEN CARRYING OUT AN ACTIVE CAMPAIGN FOR A SEAT IN THE GROUP OF 27, UNLIKE NORWAY.

3. IN CONVERSATIONS WITH EMBASSY, HANS EWERLOF WHO IS COORDINATOR FOR GOS ON IEA MATTERS, HAS SAID THAT SWEDEN DOES NOT BELIEVE THERE IS NEED FOR JUSTIFYING THEIR CANDIDACY AND NOTED THAT SWEDEN DEPENDS ON OIL IMPORTS TO MEET 70 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL ENERGY REQUIREMENTS AND THUS THEIR VIEWS ARE CLEARLY ASSOCIATED WITH CONSUMER COUNTRIES. MOREOVER, HE SAID, WITH EXPANSION OF PRODUCER/CONSUMER AGENDA, SWEDEN HAS EVEN MORE REASONS TO WISH TO BE A PARTICIPANT, NOTING IN THIS CONNECTION THEIR ACTIVE SUPPORT IN THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF U.N.

4. IF CANDIDACY IN THE GROUP OF 27 IS TO BE DECIDED BETWEEN SWEDEN AND NORWAY, EMBASSY BELIEVES DUE WEIGHT SHOULD BE GIVEN TO FACT THAT SWEDEN IS A FULL MEMBER OF IEA.

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